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<i>In re</i> Application of)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2818
Tomoharu Tanaka et al.)	
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Serial No. 10/656,139)	
)	Confirmation No.: 8661
Filed: September 8, 2003)	
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For: NON-VOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR)	
MEMORY DEVICE ADAPTED TO)	
STORE A MULTI-VALUED DATA)	Atty. Dkt. No. 001701.00676
IN A SINGLE MEMORY CELL)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, enclosed is a PTO Form-1449 listing art for consideration by the Examiner and a copy of each of the identified documents. We hereby certify under 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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Serial No. 10/656,139

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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